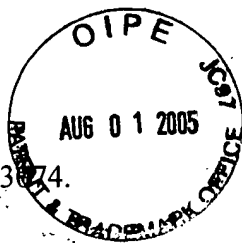


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
OSAMU YAMADA ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/420,775)
Filed: October 19, 1999)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, AND RECORDING :
MEDIUM)
Examiner: Ishrat I. Sherali
Art Unit: 2621
July 28, 2005

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of March 28, 2005, to and including July 28, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is submitted herewith. Please charge any deficiency in this fee, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to that Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims are listed beginning at page 2; and the Remarks begin at page 9.

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July 28, 2005
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